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IF YOU TRULY ARE
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO
GIVE ME THE WORTHY
DEATH I DESIRE---
STEP FORWARD.

I AM
EAGER TO
RECEIVE
IT.



WORTHY
DEATH?

HA!

AFTER WHAT
YOU'VE DONE TO MY
BROTHER... YOU WILL
EXPERIENCE A **THOUSAND**
DEATHS. I WILL PEEL THE
SKIN FROM YOUR BODY AND
DRINK YOUR BLOOD TO THE
LAST DROP AND THEN
ALLOW YOU TO HEAL SO
I MAY PROLONG YOUR
LIFE. I WILL DO THIS
UNTIL YOU BEG FOR
ANY DEATH.

THE
THOUGHT OF ANY
WORTHINESS
WITHIN YOU WILL BE
LONG FORGOTTEN.
EVERY WAKING
THOUGHT WILL BE
ONLY PAIN AND
SUFFERING.



I CARE NOT ABOUT
PAIN OR SUFFERING.
ANY DEATH BROUGHT
ABOUT BY A CAPABLE
OPPONENT WILL BE
WORTHY.

I DO NOT
FEAR YOU OR
THE SAVAGE
BUTCHERY YOU
HAVE IN STORE
FOR ME.

I SAY
AGAIN...

STEP.

FORWARD.



VERY
WELL.

THEN LET
OUR FINAL
BATTLE---













HEAVY HANGS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN, AM I RIGHT?

WHO KNEW RULING WOULD BE SO MUCH WORK?



KING SALAKA, WITH RECONSTRUCTION IN THIS REGION UNDERWAY, I FEEL WE SHOULD BE IDENTIFYING **OTHER** FORMER CITY-STATES ON PLANET WITH A HIGH ENOUGH POPULATION TO WARRANT REBUILDING.



YES. I AGREE. WE CAN'T FOCUS ALL OUR EFFORTS ON THE CAPITAL. WAIT A MINUTE--

WHO ARE YOU?



I'M POVINA THE UNYIELDING, LEADER OF THE FANTANIAN RESISTANCE. I TOOK OVER FOR MY FATHER, AFTER HE WAS... EATEN.

I MOUNTED AN EFFORT IN THE NORTH TO KILL THE JUGGERNAUT AND RETAKE THE CITY, BUT THEN YOU RETURNED.

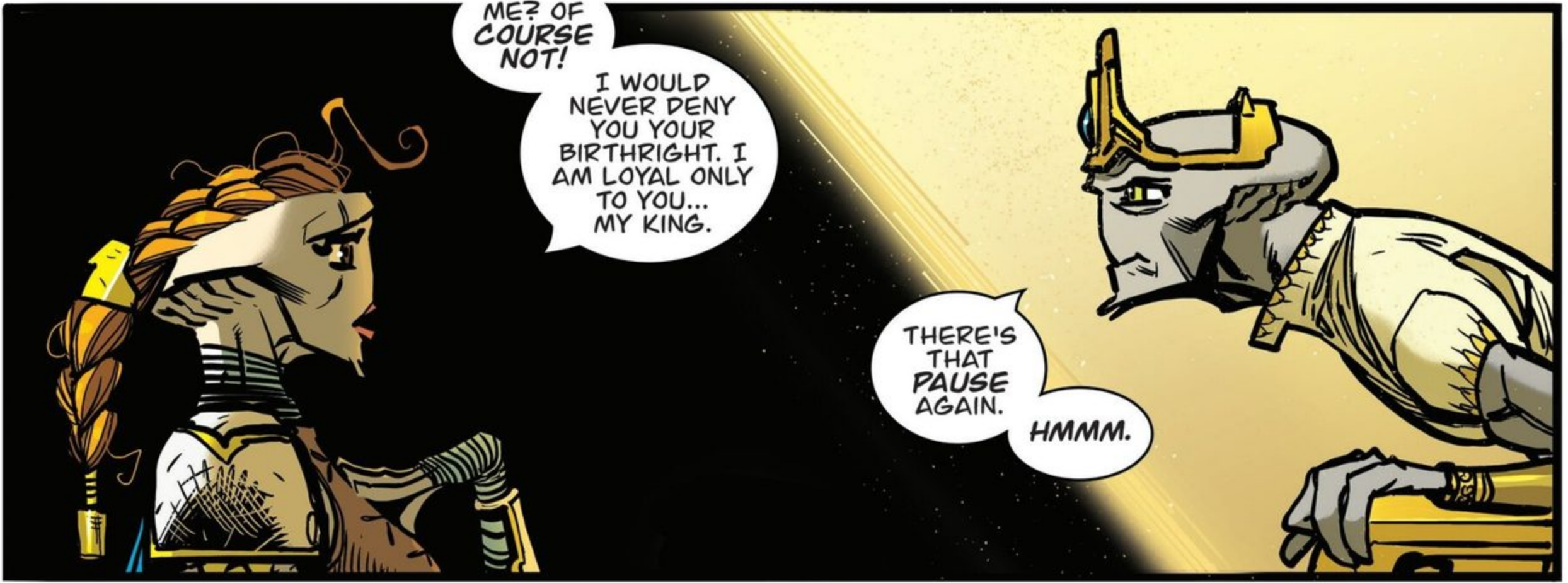
I MARVEL AT THE ABILITIES OF YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS... **MY KING.**



I DON'T KNOW...

IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE YOU WERE HOPING TO BE THE RULER OF THIS NEWLY FREED FANTANIA BEFORE I CAME ALONG AND GOT IN YOUR WAY.

SHOULD I BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU?

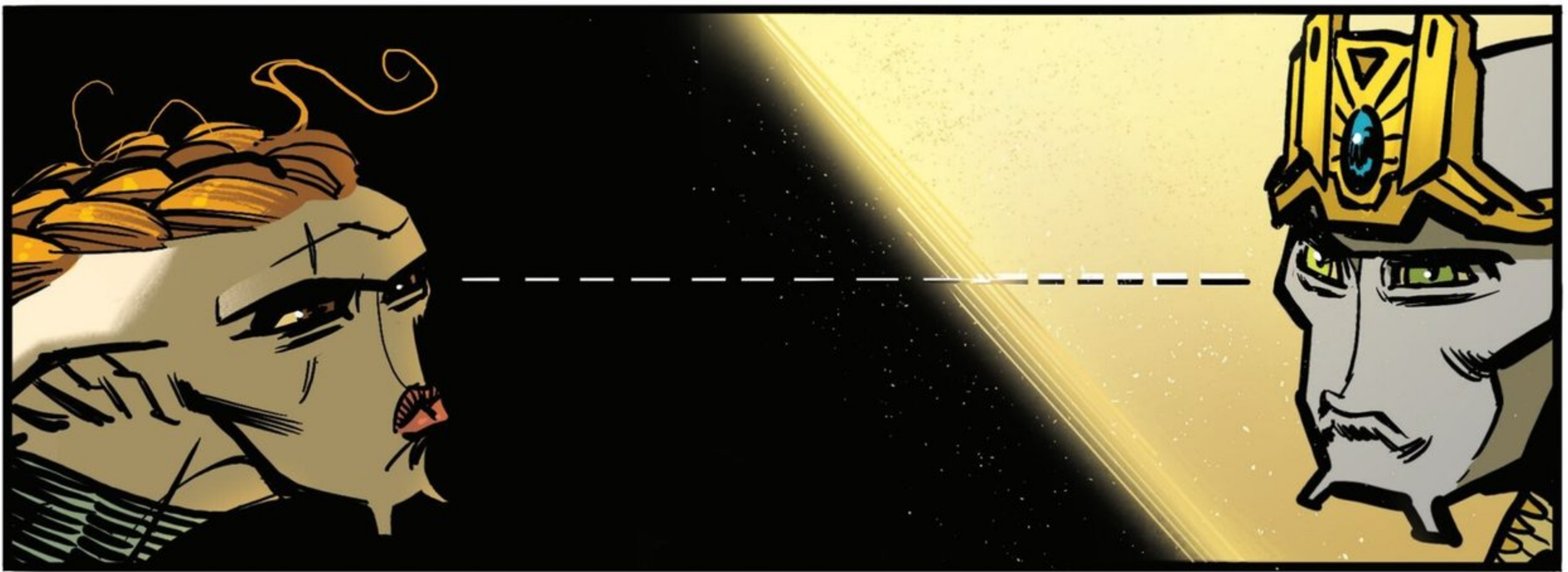
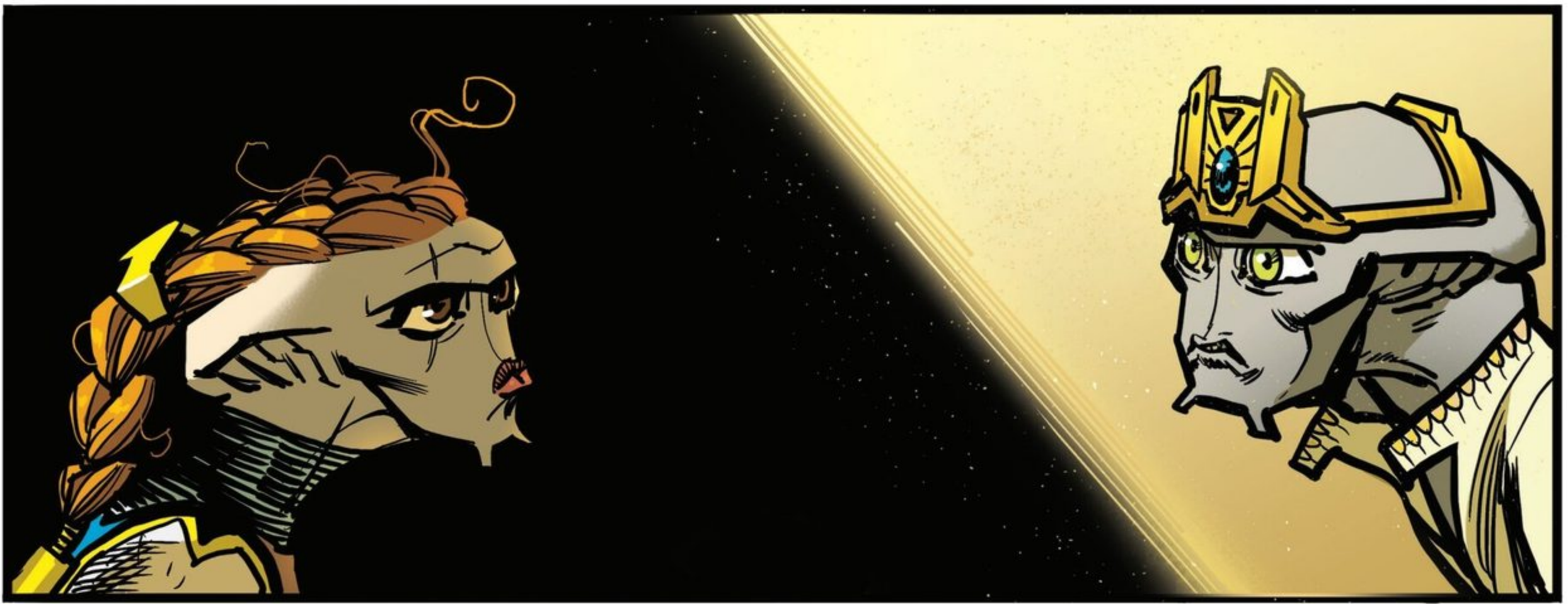


ME? OF
COURSE
NOT!

I WOULD
NEVER DENY
YOU YOUR
BIRTHRIGHT. I
AM LOYAL ONLY
TO YOU...
MY KING.

THERE'S
THAT
PAUSE
AGAIN.

HMMM.



DO KNOW THAT IF
YOU BETRAY ME, I
WON'T HESITATE
TO TAKE YOUR
LIFE.

I
ASSURE
YOU, I AM
WELL
AWARE.

GOOD.

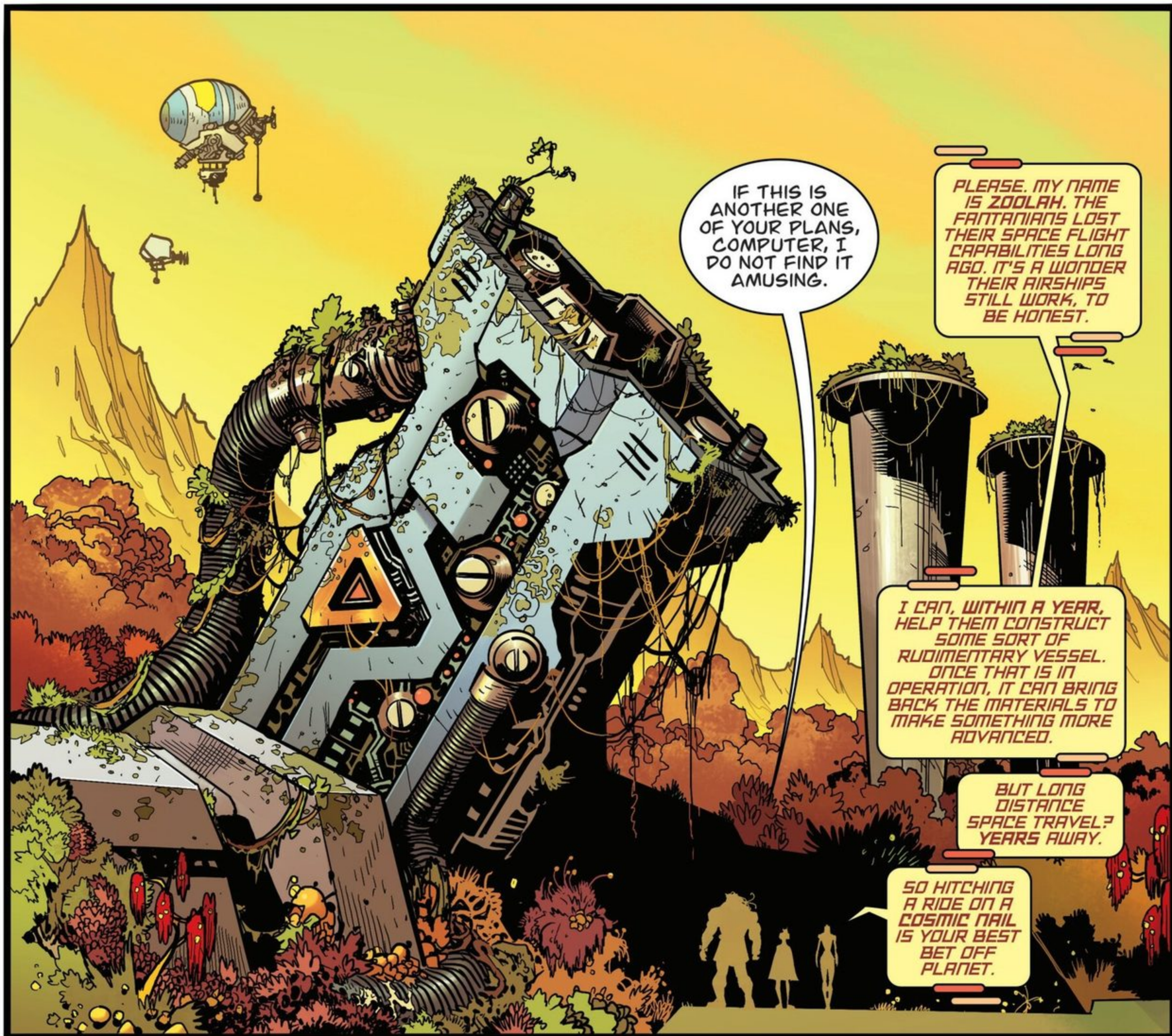
EXCELLENT.

LOVELY
MEETING
YOU,
POVINA.

LIKewise,
KING
SALAKA.







IF THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR PLANS, COMPUTER, I DO NOT FIND IT AMUSING.

PLEASE. MY NAME IS ZOOLAH. THE FANTANIANS LOST THEIR SPACE FLIGHT CAPABILITIES LONG AGO. IT'S A WONDER THEIR AIRSHIPS STILL WORK, TO BE HONEST.

I CAN, WITHIN A YEAR, HELP THEM CONSTRUCT SOME SORT OF RUDIMENTARY VESSEL. ONCE THAT IS IN OPERATION, IT CAN BRING BACK THE MATERIALS TO MAKE SOMETHING MORE ADVANCED.

BUT LONG DISTANCE SPACE TRAVEL? YEARS AWAY.

SO HITCHING A RIDE ON A COSMIC NAIL IS YOUR BEST BET OFF PLANET.



HMM.



LUCKY FOR YOU, THEY'VE ALREADY DEVOTED THE RESOURCES TO CASTING ONE AROUND THE COMBINED REMAINS OF JUGGERNAUT AND COLOSSUS... THE, UM... PARTS YOU HAVEN'T EATEN. THEY DON'T WANT TO RISK THEM SOMEHOW COMING BACK.

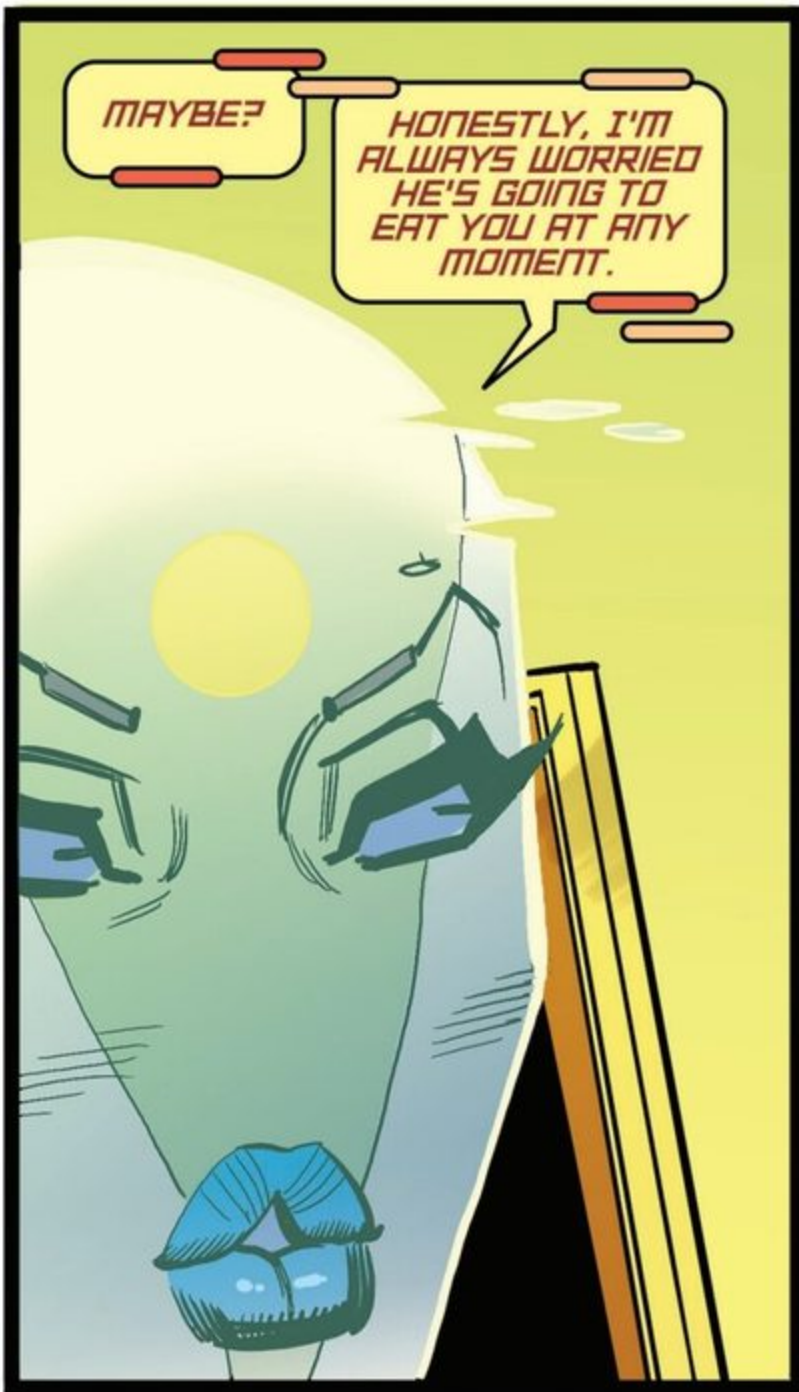
I TALKED THEM OUT OF COLLECTING YOUR STOOL.

THAT SHOULD BE READY FOR LAUNCH WITHIN THE MONTH.

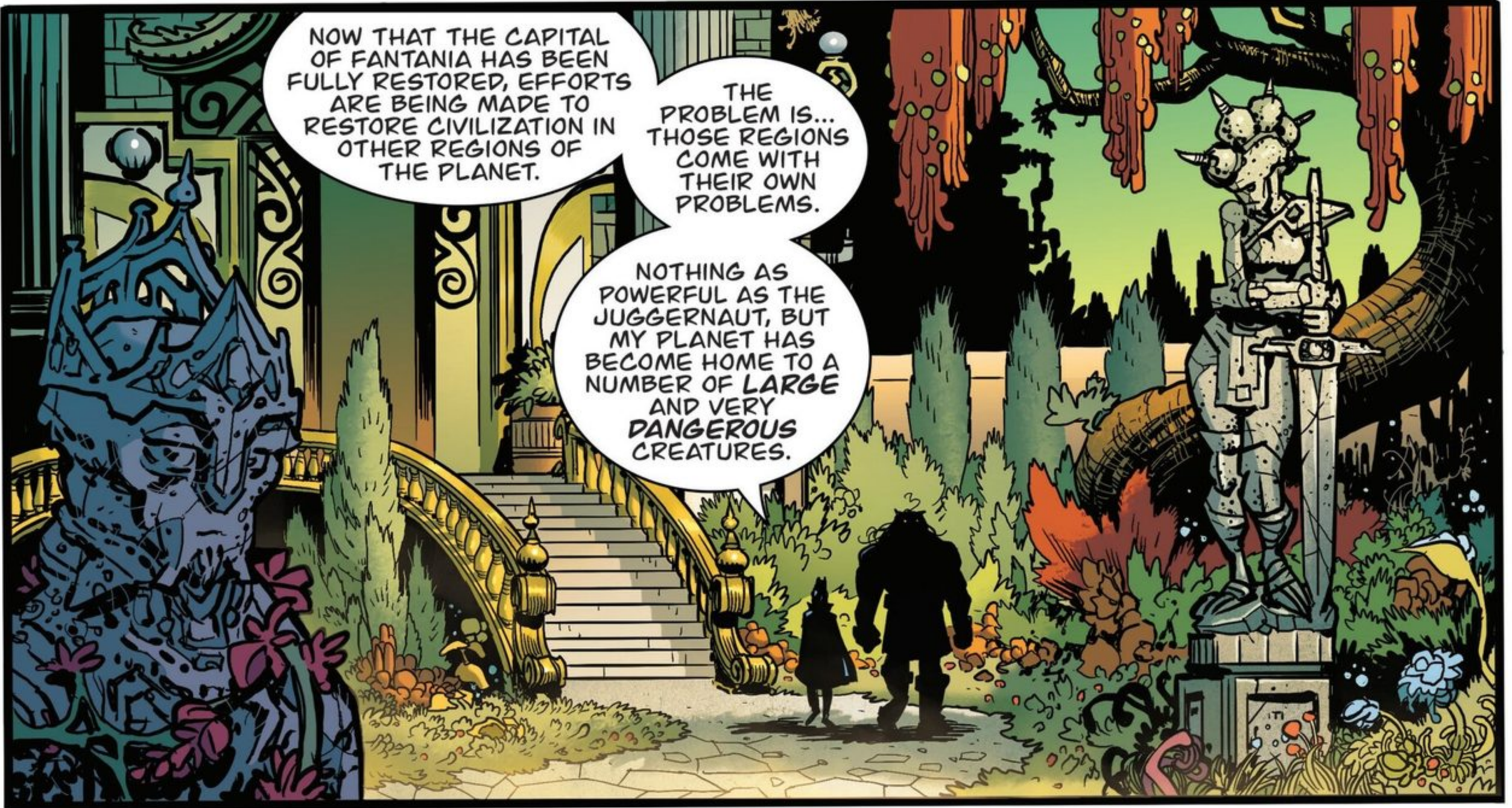


C'MON... YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO CHOOSE TO BE ADRIPT IN SPACE OVER STAYING HERE AND HELPING US RESTORE FANTANIA TO ITS FORMER GLORY?

THINK OF THE GOOD YOU CAN DO.







NOW THAT THE CAPITAL OF FANTANIA HAS BEEN FULLY RESTORED, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO RESTORE CIVILIZATION IN OTHER REGIONS OF THE PLANET.

THE PROBLEM IS... THOSE REGIONS COME WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

NOTHING AS POWERFUL AS THE JUGGERNAUT, BUT MY PLANET HAS BECOME HOME TO A NUMBER OF LARGE AND VERY DANGEROUS CREATURES.



CREATURES?

I SEE I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION. YES. SOME LARGE. SOME VERY LARGE. SIMILAR TO THE CREATURE THAT CRASHED OUR SHIP WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED HERE.

THE PLANET IS OVERRUN.



IT'S SLOWING OUR REBUILDING EFFORTS CONSIDERABLY.

THERE IS STILL SOME TIME BEFORE THE COSMIC NAIL WILL BE READY TO LAUNCH. NOT MUCH, BUT MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR YOU TO--



I WILL DO IT.

I WILL RID YOUR WORLD OF THESE CREATURES, HAPPILY. ANY BREAK TO THIS UNENDING BOREDOM WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

I NEED ONLY FOR YOU TO POINT ME IN THE RIGHT--



SALAKA?





STAND
READY
FOR MY
ARRIVAL,
WORM.



TELL ME, WHICH ONE OF US ARE YOU REFERRING TO AS WORM?



HEH.

I LIKE YOU ALREADY.



I AM KING SALAKA OF THE FANTANIAN EMPIRE. YOU ARE NOT TO ADDRESS ME WITHOUT A WRITTEN INVITATION. THAT IS OUR CUSTOM.

WE CERTAINLY DON'T ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE ADDRESSED AS WORMS.



PLEASE.

BEFORE THINGS GET TOO OUT OF HAND, ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.



I AM CONQUEST. I AM HERE ON YOUR PLANET TO REPRESENT THE VILTRUM EMPIRE. WE ARE A VAST AND POWERFUL EMPIRE WHO HAVE TAKEN NOTICE OF YOUR WORLD AND MAY BE INTERESTED IN ADDING YOU TO OUR RANKS.

IT WOULD APPEAR MY INFORMATION IS FAULTY. WE WERE TOLD THIS WORLD WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF TWO VERY POWERFUL BEINGS FROM THE FABLED LAND OF EMSIU.

TELL ME, WHERE ARE THE JUGGERNAUT AND THE COLOSSUS?



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Daaaang...ending the issue with Conquest grinning might be the best cliffhanger we've had YET in BATTLE BEAST. Welcome back to the next thrilling chapter of Invincibles, as I, editor Ben Abernathy, and the Grand Regent himself, Robert Kirkman, take time out of our busy day to respond to our biggest fans!

Y'know, I have to say, when Ryan and I started BATTLE BEAST...it was all leading to this. Battle Beast vs. Conquest! Everything in this series has happened to move us to this place. I'm so excited to finally be here! As I type this, Ryan just finished up issue 11 and man, what a GLORIOUS issue that is. You guys are all in for a massive treat with this series. There's just SO MUCH cool ahead of us. Just you wait! But enough teasing! Mail time!

Hello Ben and Robert!!!

This is my first time writing and I just wanted to share how this series has affected me. I was first introduced to the Invincible Universe through the Amazon series, and I remember seeing the first appearance of Thokk and being left in utter shock. It was sick to see such a badass character beat the pulp out of the hero. I then started reading the comics and that's when everything started to change me. I became so fascinated with this world and because of these comics it caused me to explore further into the world of comics. Invincible had introduced me to an amazing community of comic lovers and geeks alike. The Battle Beast series is such an awesome time. Ryan Ottley's art is just completely unbelievable, it's just so amazing. This

series has shined a light on my future it really showed me what I want to do with my life, I want to make comics. I am not really sure what more I can say, Battle Beast really is just absolutely awesome! I really hope one day I can be able to work with you guys at Image!

Love from Tennessee bye!
-Brylen

Thanks for the passionate letter, Brylen, and it's so flattering to know INVINCIBLE is such an inspiration to you! And hopefully we see your name on an Image comic someday soon!

You've been cursed with the unbridled FURY burning within to make comics! You'll never rest until you achieve this goal! Congrats!

Dear Invincible team,

Ever since I started reading and buying comics last year, I knew I had to get the Battle Beast comic, and every time I buy an issue, I'm beyond satisfied with the work put into each one.

I have to state how much your series has influenced me. For the last 5 years, I've been trying to create a superhero universe based on the superhero I made as a kid known as Little Man (it's a long story) with a bunch of other heroes, villains, monsters, and aliens I came up with. However, I wanted my story to stick out, and at first, the only inspirations were Marvel and DC. But when I saw the show and looked into the comics, I was amazed at how complex each character was at putting that inspiration into so many of my characters (along with some

bits of violence and how crazy your aliens were). If God willing my series gets to the same quality and attention as yours, I have to give you even more thanks for what your series has done.

Can't wait to see the next issue,
Anderson

Cheers to you, Anderson, in trying to build out that world. Good luck with it.

Is everyone reading this working on their own comic?! Cool!

Hey, big Battle Beast enthusiast and fan here, and I gotta say, Battle Beast is becoming my top 5 favorite fictional character of all time now.

Just a quick question, what is the Cosmic Nail made of and how strong is it? We see Battle Beast destroy the entire thing with one punch.

Also, I debate using characters and such online with a bunch of other debaters across the globe and Battle Beast is always getting pinned up against other characters, whether Marvel or DC or anything. If you had to pick a character Battle Beast is as strong as at Marvel or DC who would it be? Author statement is to be treated as law. Are statements, claims and "hyperbole" that may be used a definitive connotation of strength, speed, stamina and durability? We of the debating world/community use things like this to scale characters! Characters are used for things like this way more than authors realize!

Battle Beast fanboy,
London

Well, London, I couldn't be more against power scaling in general. I mean, beyond universal rules like "Hulk is the strongest there is," etc. My take is that if you sit here and say Conquest is an 8.2 and Battle Beast is a 7.3, so therefore Conquest will always beat Battle Beast in a fight...there's no fun in that. Also, that's just not how the world works. Anyone can beat anyone in a fight depending on the circumstances of the fight. Ever hear of David and

Goliath? When Invincible (spoiler alert) defeated Conquest, he was not stronger than him. He was more driven, and he had a fair amount of luck and timing on his side. That's usually how fighting works. It's not just a matter of "a 5 can't beat a 9!"

Marta here from Spain!

We're back in action!

The wait felt so long—I really needed my monthly dose of Battle Beast. Especially after that incredible ending in issue #6! What an ending. It completely blew my mind.

But we're back! And March feels like a real gift for all fans of the Invincible Universe with all the new content coming out. I know it's going to be amazing. Battle Beast never disappoints.

Could you reveal just a tiny little hint about what's coming next? What can we expect from the upcoming issues? Will we see more familiar faces...or maybe some brand-new ones that will leave us speechless?

I can't wait to keep reading!

Thank you for writing in, Marta, and supporting our comics. And a hint at what's to come...hmmm...how about those last three pages? Haha!

A metric shit-ton of fighting! That's the hint!

ISSUE #7 THREW A FLASHBANG IN MY FACE WITHIN 10 SECONDS.

This issue will blow up in the fanbase in a way nobody was expecting. I get you, Salaka, you're a prince and all but goshdarn please put all 3 of your crown jewels away! How did it feel to design a new type of reproductive organ? And how did it feel knowing you'd torment your fans with having to witness it?

I forgive you and I am certainly looking forward to the next issue

P.s. I loved Conquest's sad lil box room, I can't wait for his appearance!

Lots of Gadzoonin love from,
Harvey A

Good to hear from you, Harvey, and I'm glad you asked these very important questions. I've asked Ryan Ottley very kindly if he could help us out with an answer:

Robert gets the blame for this one! One day I get a text from Robert with a weird drawing of a spiral with an upside down crown on the bottom. And he said, "Call me." I called him the next day, cuz I was sleepy. I said wtf is this? He said, "Okay, tell me if this is a dumb idea or not. This is Salaka's dick. I want a funny gag showing his new body grown back with his penis showing. But it's an alien penis so it's not that graphic! Is that dumb?" I said, "Robert, this is best idea you've ever had. I'M DRAWING IT RIGHT AWAY!" The end.

Yeah, that's how it went! I wanted to show him the sketch out of context so he'd see how not offensive the alien penis was. I will say, every step of the way past sending in the script I had second thoughts, so it's a wonder that made it to print!

Another amazing issue!! Thank you Battle Beast team!!! Around issue 1 I wrote a letter wondering if we would get other similar runs for the Invincible cast, I was totally hoping for more Conquest so to see him soon appear here is such a treat! I love that weirdo, very glad Kirkman also seems to love writing weirdos.

This series has totally made me fall in love with Battle Beast! The way you write these more apathetic characters whether it's Negan, Thragg, etc, is always so entertaining, never stop! Curious to know if there's any specific character traits you're more drawn to write? :)

Thanks,
Ryann

Thank you for the letter, Ryann!

I definitely enjoy writing lunatics. That's for sure. I don't know, in general I love stories that bob and weave into areas you could never predict, and I guess I prefer characters who facilitate that by being erratic and unpredictable. I also love writing funny dialogue. So, any time a character can crack jokes or say weird things, I'm all in.

Greetings,

Battle Beast quickly became my must-read book each month. Kirkman and Ottley are the dream team, and getting more of the Invincible Universe has been incredible. After months of waiting for the book to return, seeing that the legendary Todd McFarlane drew a variant cover for issue #7 made the comeback even sweeter. I live my life according to one simple rule: See Todd, Buy Todd. Battle Beast is back with new cover art from one of the all-time greats! What a time to be a comic book fan. Any chance we'll see more McFarlane covers in the future? Keep up the amazing work.

-Adam

No plans just yet for another cover by Todd, but that door is always WIDE OPEN to whenever he'd like to come play again haha.

If it were up to us, he'd do a cover for every issue of every book we publish, but the Toddfather is quite busy with his empire. He'll grace us with a cover every now and then, but you'll have to get your fill of him from books that have some version of a Spawn in them!

And another one bites the dust...thank you for all the letters and enthusiasm for our series! I don't have to say it (but will) WAIT UNTIL YOU READ THE NEXT ISSUE!!!!

-Ben

It's a doozy! See you then!

-Robert

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